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In re Patent Application of:  
Mihoko Shimano et al.

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Art Unit: 2851

For: Image Pickup Processing Method And Image  
Pickup Apparatus

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Examiner: W. B. Perkey

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the election requirement, applicant hereby elects the species covered by Species I, drawn to Figs. 1-5; Species II, drawn to Figs. 6-8; Species V, drawn to Figs. 11 and 12; Species VIII, drawn to Figs. 16-19 and Species IX, drawn to Figs. 20-24, claims 1-3 and 12.

Applicant's election is made without prejudice and Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the non-elected species at a later date. As noted by the Examiner, upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to not more than a reasonable number of species in addition to the elected species, provided that all claims to each additional species are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.146.

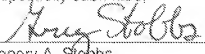
An action on the merits of all the claims and a Notice of Allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-0750, under Order No. 5077-000236/US/NP from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Dated: June 14, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

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